

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 3 through 7 and add Claims 8 through 19 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:
  - an image bearing member to be moved rotationally,
  - charging means for electrically charging said image bearing member and toner remaining on said image bearing member,
  - electrostatic latent image forming means for forming an electrostatic latent image on said image bearing member charged by said charging means,
  - developing means for visualizing the electrostatic latent image while recovering the toner remaining on said image bearing member,
  - toner charging means which is disposed upstream from said charging means in a rotational direction of said image bearing member and is to be supplied with a voltage of a polarity identical to that of a voltage to be applied to said charging means to electrically charge the toner remaining on said image bearing member,
  - recording means for data on recording an operation history of said image forming apparatus, and

voltage switching means for switching a first voltage applied to said toner charging means to a second voltage, higher than the first voltage, as an absolute value, applied to said toner charging means on the basis of the data, control means for controlling the voltage to be supplied to said toner charging means on the basis of the operation history of said image forming apparatus recorded by said recording means.

2. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said charging means contacts said image bearing member.

3. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein said image forming apparatus further comprises an electrostatic latent image erase means which is disposed upstream from said charging means transfer residual toner in the rotational direction of said image bearing member and is to be supplied with a voltage of a polarity opposite from that of the voltage to be applied to said charging means to erase an electrostatic latent image history on said image bearing member, and said control means controls the voltages to be supplied to said toner charging means and said electrostatic latent image erase means on the basis of the operation history of said image forming apparatus recorded by said recording means.

4. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 or 2, Claims 1–3, wherein said charging means is supplied with a DC voltage which is lower than that supplied to said toner charging means in terms of an absolute value.

5. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 or 2, Claims 1–4, wherein said charging means is supplied with a DC voltage and comprises a brush-shaped member.

6. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 or 2, Claims 1–5, wherein said developing means comprises at least a magnetic brush

comprising a magnetic carrier and toner, said magnetic brush contacting said image bearing member.

7. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the rotational direction of said image bearing member at its surface is the same as different from that of a developer bearing member for bearing the magnetic brush.

--8. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said charging means is supplied with a DC voltage which is lower than that supplied to said toner charging means in terms of an absolute value.

9. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said charging means is supplied with a DC voltage and comprises a brush-shaped member.

10. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said charging means is supplied with a DC voltage and comprises a brush-shaped member.

11. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said developing means comprises at least a magnetic brush comprising a magnetic carrier and toner, said magnetic brush contacting said image bearing member.

12. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said developing means comprises at least a magnetic brush comprising a magnetic carrier and toner, said magnetic brush contacting said image bearing member.

13. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said developing means comprises at least a magnetic brush comprising a magnetic carrier and toner, said magnetic brush contacting said image bearing member.

14. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the rotational direction of said image bearing member at its surface is the same as that of a developer bearing member for bearing the magnetic brush.

15. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein the rotational direction of said image bearing member at its surface is the same as that of a developer bearing member for bearing the magnetic brush.

16. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the rotational direction of said image bearing member at its surface is the same as that of a developer bearing member for bearing the magnetic brush.

17. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the rotational direction of said image bearing member at its surface is the same as that of a developer bearing member for bearing the magnetic brush.

18. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the rotational direction of said image bearing member at its surface is the same as that of a developer bearing member for bearing the magnetic brush.

19. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the rotational direction of said image bearing member at its surface is the same as that of a developer bearing member for bearing the magnetic brush.